

Hazardous Material Removal From Schools

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Common Challenges

- Getting the word out
- Skepticism
- Performing school chemical inventories
- Securing funding

What contributed to success to this point

- A commitment to completion
- Having a revenue source dedicated to cleanouts
- Schools/districts have the independence to identify chemicals that needed to be removed and contract with a qualified provider of their choice

A number of contractors specializing in the removal of hazardous waste showed interest in the program. A list of those initial companies along with addresses and phone numbers were shared with the districts upon request.*

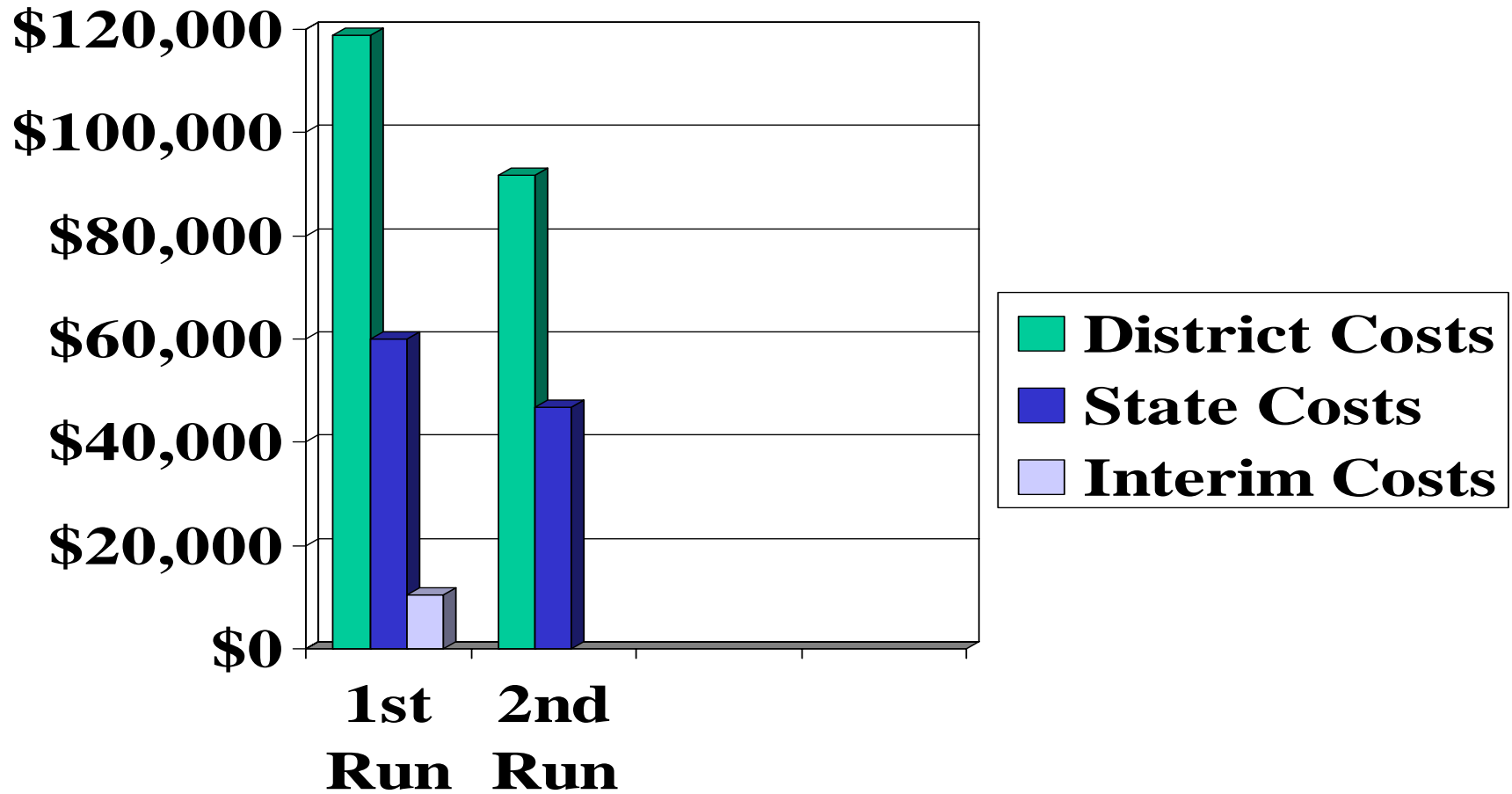
Common Goals

- Safety: increase the overall safety in schools by removing hazardous laboratory chemicals and other hazardous materials
- Service: stand as a technical resource or change agent for superintendents, teachers and staff
- Education: publish the initial School Facilities Hazardous Materials Guidelines and update it at appropriate intervals

Potential Advice

- Find creative ways to seek funding
- Explore available grants
- Provide a champion for the cause at the state level
- Build on existing state infrastructure
- Publish or reference best practices

Program Costs



2002-2004 Reporting

- Total districts in the state: **48**
- Total number of districts that have disposed of chemicals on their own: **8**
- Districts that have used the 2002-2004 Program: **13**
- Total state student population: **84,117**
- Average number of students/district: **1,752**
- Students impacted indirectly ($1,752 \times 8$): **14,016**
- Students impacted by first run ($1,752 \times 13$): **22,776**
- Average total cost per district: **\$9,132**
- Average state cost per district: **\$4,621**

2005-2006 Projection

- Total districts in the state: **48**
- Interim districts to be carried over: **4**
- Districts not yet participating in chemical removal efforts: **27**
- Total funds available for contract work: **\$46,755**
- Based on the average state contribution of \$4,621 per district, additional districts that may be assisted: **10**
- Expected average number of students impacted ($1,752 \times 10$): **17,520**
- Total potential work: **\$91,676**

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